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Appl. No. 09/064,000

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In Re Application of: James P. Elia)
Serial No.: 09/064,000)
Filed: April 21, 1998)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS)
FOR INSTALLATION OF)
DENTAL IMPLANT)

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Elizabeth Kemmerer, Ph.D.

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith, please find Form PTO-1449 (Modified) pertaining to the above-identified application. A copy of the patent listed thereon is enclosed.

During the October 2, 2003 hearing at the European Patent Office regarding the counterpart application to a parent of the instant application, one of the Examiners mentioned United States Patent No. 5,106,748. It was pointed out to the Examiner that such patent did not disclose the use of a growth factor to produce a bud and resultant soft tissue. No further mention was made of the patent.

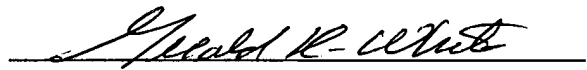
Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the above-mentioned patent for the above-stated reasons and respectfully believes that the claimed invention is novel and

unobvious over such patent.

No fee is believed to be due because Applicant and Applicant's attorney were not aware of such patent more than three (3) months prior to this submission. A certification including such facts is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 24, 2003

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Sir:

I, Gerald K. White, Attorney for Applicant, hereby state that the reference cited in this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") were first discovered by me less than three (3) months prior to the date set forth below.

I further state that no item of information contained in this Fourth Supplemental IDS was cited in a written communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to my knowledge, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Fourth Supplemental IDS was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this statement.

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Reference Designation U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date (if appropriate)
	ABX	5,106,748	04/92	Wozney, et al.			

Foreign Patent Documents

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub-Class	Translation Yes	No

Other Art (including author, title, date, pertinent pages, etc.)

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